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22. — *Wyoming; its History, Stirring Incidents, and Romantic Adventures.* By GEORGE PECK, D. D. With Illustrations. New York: Harper and Brothers. 1858. 12mo. pp. 432.

THE unsurpassed beauty of the Wyoming valley, the savage outrages by the combined British and Indian forces of which it was the theatre in the war of the Revolution, the subsequent controversy waged so fiercely for its jurisdiction between Connecticut and Pennsylvania, and its recent transformation by the opening of its mineral treasures, render its history eventful and exciting. In the book before us, this history is given with an ample array of documentary evidence, and that on both sides where there is conflicting testimony. The residue of the volume is occupied with personal sketches and narratives, some of them generally interesting from the strongly marked character of the persons described, and the uniqueness of their adventures and experiences, all of them of local value, as embodying in an authentic form such traditions as attach men to their soil, and such memories of the fathers as sustain an honest ambition in the children. The work is well and lovingly wrought, in an easy and unambitious style, and evidently with a conscientious regard to truth and fact. The numerous illustrations, though not of a high order of art, are of well-chosen subjects, and seldom fail to convey a clear idea of the scenes and countenances they portray.

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23. — *History of Eastern Vermont, from its Earliest Settlement to the Close of the Eighteenth Century. With a Biographical Chapter and Appendixes.* By BENJAMIN H. HALL. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1858. 8vo. pp. 799.

SO rife from the very first has been the spirit of freedom among the New England people, and so large was the authority conceded to, or usurped by, their local organizations, that every section, county, and village possesses ample materials for a more copious history than could be written of a great nation, bound together by the constriction of arbitrary power, and made to move ever as one body under a single controlling will. The early and lengthened conflict of jurisdiction between New York and New Hampshire, as regards the largest part of what is now Vermont, tended to make it peculiarly a region of fierce strife, bitter feuds, and often of open violence, whether under or against the forms of law. Such discipline no doubt developed in the Vermont character the hardihood and energy which, under more peaceful auspices and